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In re application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING
ELECTRONIC COMMERCE THROUGH INTERNET AUCTIONS Group 2700

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 27, 1999, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11-38, 40-45, 47-49 and 52-63 as follows:

11. (ONCE AMENDED) A method for conducting auctions on the internet, the
method comprising:
receiving at a communication handler program executing on a host computer
information [of an item for auction] from a first participant [at a communication handler program
executing on a host computer] corresponding to an item for auction, the information received
from the first participant including a designation of a category, selected from a list of categories,
under which the item for auction is to be listed;

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